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# News Release

## **ICE CAPTURES FUGITIVE FEATURED ON 'AMERICA'S MOST WANTED'**

*-- Child pornography fugitive bragged about being on the show; claimed he wouldn't go back to prison--*

WASHINGTON, DC – Special agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have arrested a child pornography fugitive who bragged about his appearance on the television show "America's Most Wanted" and claimed he wouldn't go back to jail. Acting on a viewer's tip, ICE agents tracked the fugitive down on Wednesday at a suburban Missouri home where he was hiding.



On September 11, 2004, America's Most Wanted profiled Kevin Leslie Nolen, age 39, as a fugitive wanted in Decatur, Illinois, on child pornography charges. Nolen, who used at least eight different aliases, is the 808th criminal apprehended as a result of viewer tips to America's Most Wanted.

Nolen is wanted on 10 counts of possession of child pornography and 10 counts of distribution of child pornography for approximately 26,000 pornographic images of children. He faces charges in the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State of Illinois in the County of Macon. Prior to Wednesday's arrest, investigators considered him armed and dangerous after learning that he had notified friends that he had a gun and would not go back to jail.

Information on Nolen's whereabouts came in Sept. 27 and 28 from an anonymous tipster who said Nolen was living under an assumed identity with a friend of his. The tipster's friend was apparently unaware of Nolen's criminal past and learned of it after several friends saw Nolen featured on "America's Most Wanted."

Following the show, the tipster went to the "America's Most Wanted" Web site at [www.amw.com](http://www.amw.com) to see Nolen's mug shot and verify that the photo matched the man he knew as Kevin Hamilton. After confirming Nolen's identity, the tipster called the show's 1-800-CRIME TV tip line.

Hotline operators immediately forwarded the tips to ICE Senior Special Agent Jarrod Winkle, who had been on Nolen's trail since the child pornographer first fled in June 2003. Winkle, who works out of ICE's Special Agent-in-Charge office in Chicago, contacted the ICE office in Springfield, Mo.

ICE special agents deployed to the address provided by the tipster while the Midwest Violent Fugitive Task Force, which agreed to assist in the investigation, conducted surveillance of an alternate address where Nolen

may have been. A few hours later, ICE special agents arrested Nolen when he came out of the house to collect his mail.

Nolan was turned over to the custody of the Greene County (Mo.) Sheriff's Department for booking. He will be transferred to the Decatur, Ill., Sheriff's Department shortly.

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